REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

ADDRESS TO: Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Application No.	10/765,372
Filing Date	January 27, 2004
First Named Inventor	Westhoff
Group Art Unit	2823
Examiner Name	Lalrinfamkim Hmar Malsawma
Attorney Docket No.	ASC-066

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

N			

RCE v. CPA: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

FEE AND SUBMISSION REQUIRED: A submission as used in this section includes, but is not limited to, an information disclosure statement, an amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings, new arguments, or new evidence in support of patentability. If reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding, the submission must meet the reply requirements of § 1.111 (see 37 C.F.R. 1.114 (c))

RCE APPLIES TO: An application in which prosecution is closed (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (b)).

RCE DOES NOT APPLY TO: (1) A provisional application; (2) an application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) an international application filed under 35 U.S.C. 363 before June 8, 1995; (4) an application for a design patent; or (5) a patent under reexamination (see 37 C.F.R. 1.114(e)).

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

а. П	Enter and consider the unentered amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
b. 🗍	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
c. 🛛	Amendment/Response enclosed.
d. 🔲	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) enclosed.
e. 🔲	Information Disclosure Statement (SIDS) enclosed.
i.	☐ PTO-1449
ii.	Copies of IDS Citations (C135-C165)
f. 🗀	Other

2. <u>RCE</u>	FEE REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
a. 🗌	Small entity status
i.	was established in the prior nonprovisional application.
ii.	is established herewith by the enclosed written assertion of entitlement to small entity status.
b. 🗌	A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time for months up to and including is enclosed herewith.
c. 🛛	A check in the amount of \$ 1390.00 for the RCE and extra claim fees is enclosed.
d. 🔲	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.
e. 🔯	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge any additional fees required for this submission under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

08/07/2006 HGUTEMA1 00000017 10765372

01 FC:1801

790.00 OP

Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Serial No. 10/765,372 Page 2 of 2

3. MISCELLANEOUS a. ⊠ Return Receipt Postcard enclosed. b. □ Other	
CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	SIGNATURE BLOCK
Direct all correspondence to: Patent Administrator Goodwin Procter LLP Exchange Place Boston, MA 02109 Tel. No.: (617) 570-1000 Fax No.: (617) 523-1231 Customer No. 051414	Date: August 3, 2006 Reg. No. 44,381 Tel. No.: (617) 570-1806 Fax No.: (617) 523-1231 Respectfully submitted, Natasha C. Us Attorney for the Applicant Goodwin Procter LLP Exchange Place Boston, MA 02109